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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT
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Neal Mortensen
Western Clay Company
P.O. Box 127
Aurora, Utah 84620

Re: Release of Reclamation Surety and Permit Transfer, Western Clay Company, Hebe Gypsum Mine, M/015/072 (UTU-73779), Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Mortensen:

On October 30, 1998 the Division formally approved of the replacement reclamation surety posted by GP Gypsum Corporation (GP) for the Hebe Gypsum Mine. Approval of the surety allowed the Division to approve of the transfer of the Large Mine Operation Notice of Intention for the Hebe Gypsum Mine from Western Clay Company to GP. GP Gypsum Corporation is now the operator of record with the Division. Western Clay Company is formally released from any further reclamation responsibility at the Hebe Gypsum Mine. The \$15,000 Letter Of Credit (LOC) # _____ (from Utah Independent Bank) posted with the Division as an Interim Surety, is also being released and returned to you for appropriate handling. We have enclosed the original copy of the LOC.

Also enclosed is a copy of the fully executed Permit Transfer form. Please contact Wayne Hedberg of the Minerals Regulatory Program at (801) 538-5286 if you have any questions regarding these documents.

Sincerely,

Lowell P. Braxton
Division Director

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Enclosures: original LOC, copy of MR-TRL

cc: Russ Harms, GP Gypsum Corporation

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